



# WHOSE SIDE... ...ARE YOU ON?

THE MARVEL UNIVERSE IS CHANGING. AFTER THE RASH ACTIONS OF FOUR YOUNG HEROES CAUSE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, THE PUBLIC CALLS FOR REFORM IN THE WAY SUPER HEROES CONDUCT THEIR AFFAIRS. A SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT IS PROPOSED, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE ALL THOSE POSSESSING PARANORMAL ABILITIES TO REGISTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT. REACTION AMONG THE SUPER HEROES IS SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE, WITH AN AWOL CAPTAIN AMERICA ON ONE SIDE AND A PRO-REGISTRATION IRON MAN ON THE OTHER. CIVIL WAR SEEMS INEVITABLE...



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Hoping to boost their ratings, four New Warriors--young super heroes and reality television stars--attempt to apprehend a quartet of villains holed up in Stamford, Connecticut. When confronted, the explosive Nitro employs his self-detonation ability, blowing the heroes and a large chunk of Stamford into oblivion. The entire incident is caught on tape.

Casualties number in the hundreds.



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In response to this tragedy, public sentiment is turning against super heroes. Johnny Storm, the Human Torch, is attacked outside a nightclub and beaten into a coma. Advocate Miriam Sharpe, who lost her son in the Stamford Disaster, calls for reform in the way super heroes conduct their affairs. On Capitol Hill, a Superhuman Registration Act is debated which would require all those possessing paranormal abilities to register with the government, divulging their true identities to the authorities and submitting to training and sanctioning in the manner of federal agents.

Some heroes, such as Iron Man, see this as a natural evolution of the role of superhumans in society, and a reasonable request. Others, embodied by Captain America, take umbrage at this assault on their civil liberties.

When Captain America is called upon to hunt down his fellow heroes who are in defiance of the Registration Act, he chooses to go AWOL, becoming a public enemy in the process.

In a closed-door meeting with the President and his Cabinet, Iron Man, Mr. Fantastic and Yellowjacket vow to bring Cap to ground.



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CAPTAIN  
AMERICA GOES  
UNDERGROUND:

LUNATIC  
BROKE MY DAMN  
NOSE.

I THOUGHT  
YOU IDIOTS WERE  
SUPPOSED TO BE  
HUNTING HIM  
DOWN OR  
SOMETHING.









New York Times

REGISTRATION ACT  
PASSED BY CONGRESS

DAILY BUGLE

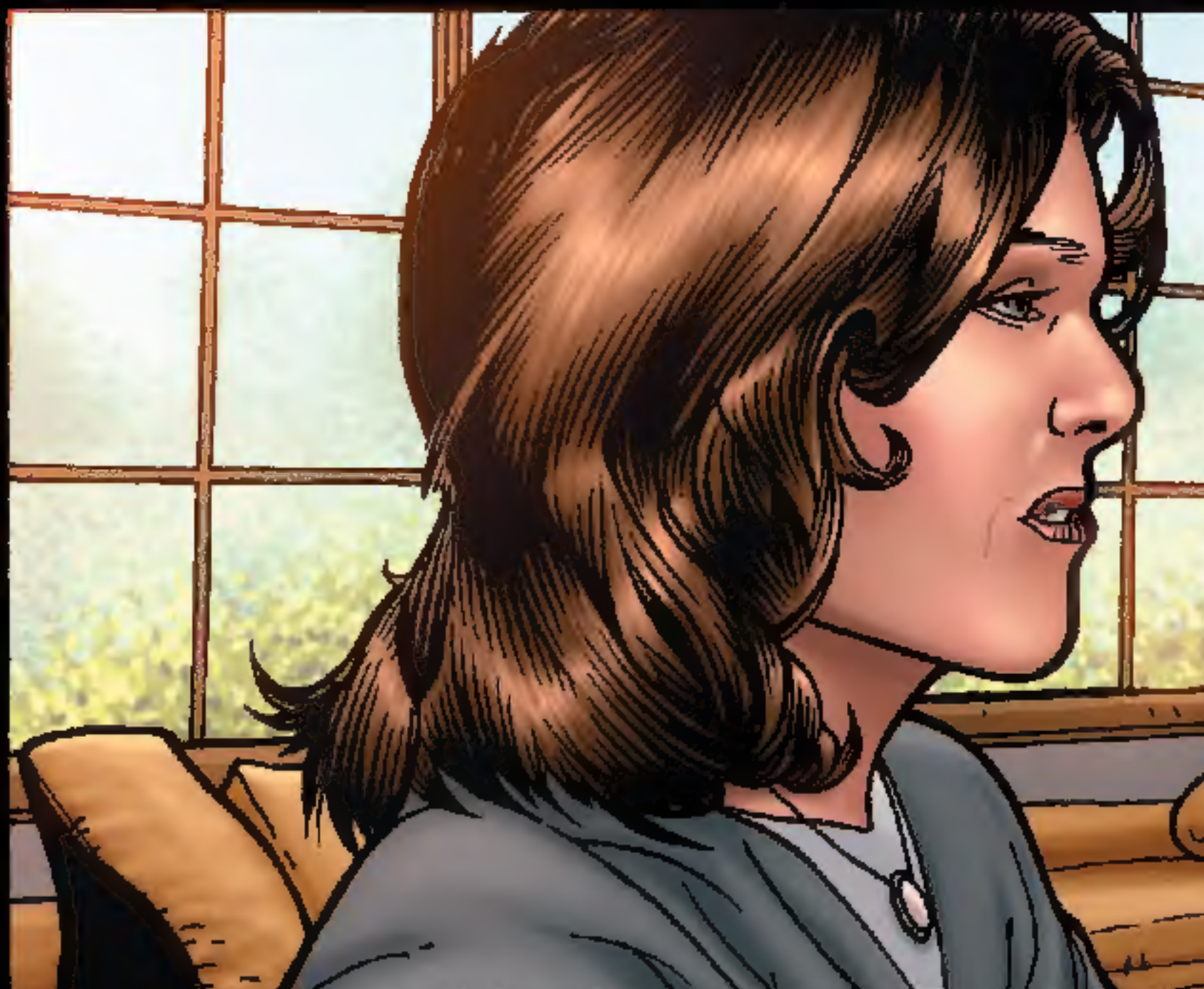
CAPTAIN AMERICA  
GOES INTO HIDING

The Boston Globe

PRESIDENT PROMISES  
SWIFT ACTION


The Washington Post

TONY STARK NOW  
BACKING SUPER HERO  
REFORM



OBVIOUSLY, I'M DISAPPOINTED CAPTAIN AMERICA'S TAKING A STAND LIKE THIS, BUT I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER ABOUT IRON MAN COMING ON BOARD.

STILL, THERE'S SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE ACT BECOMES LAW, SO THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME FOR CAP TO *SEE SENSE*.




NEW YORK CITY:



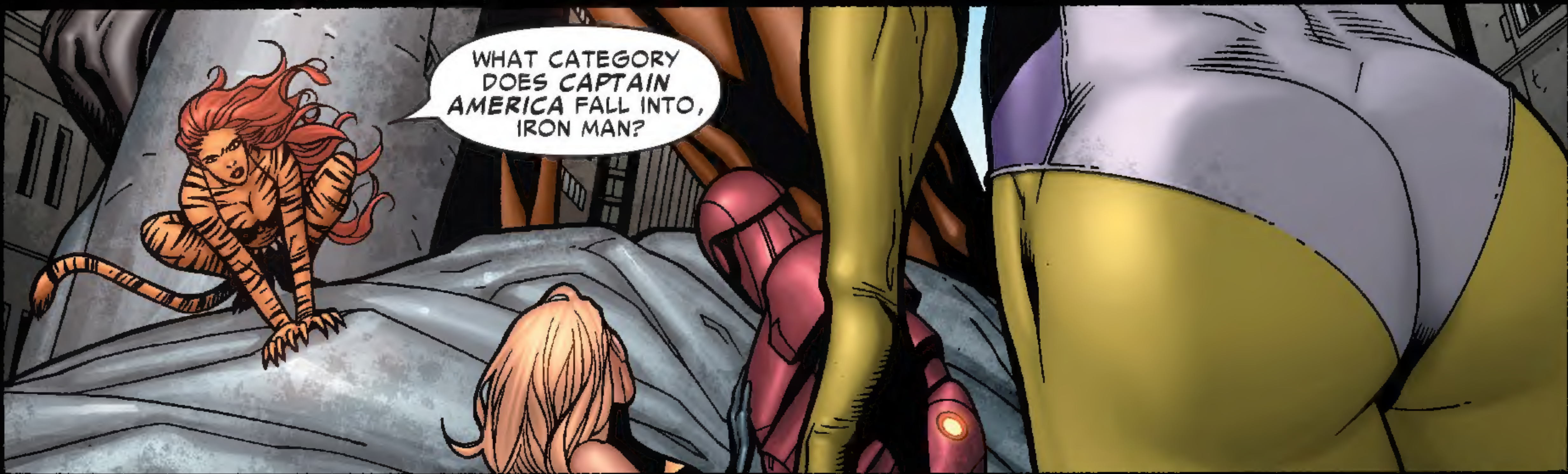
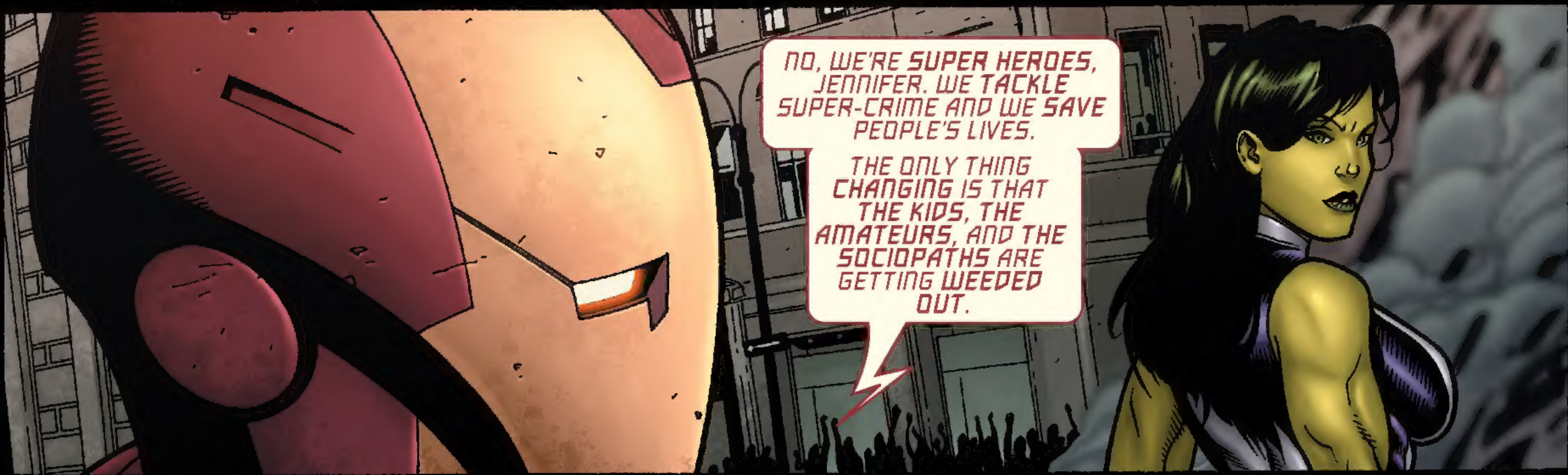
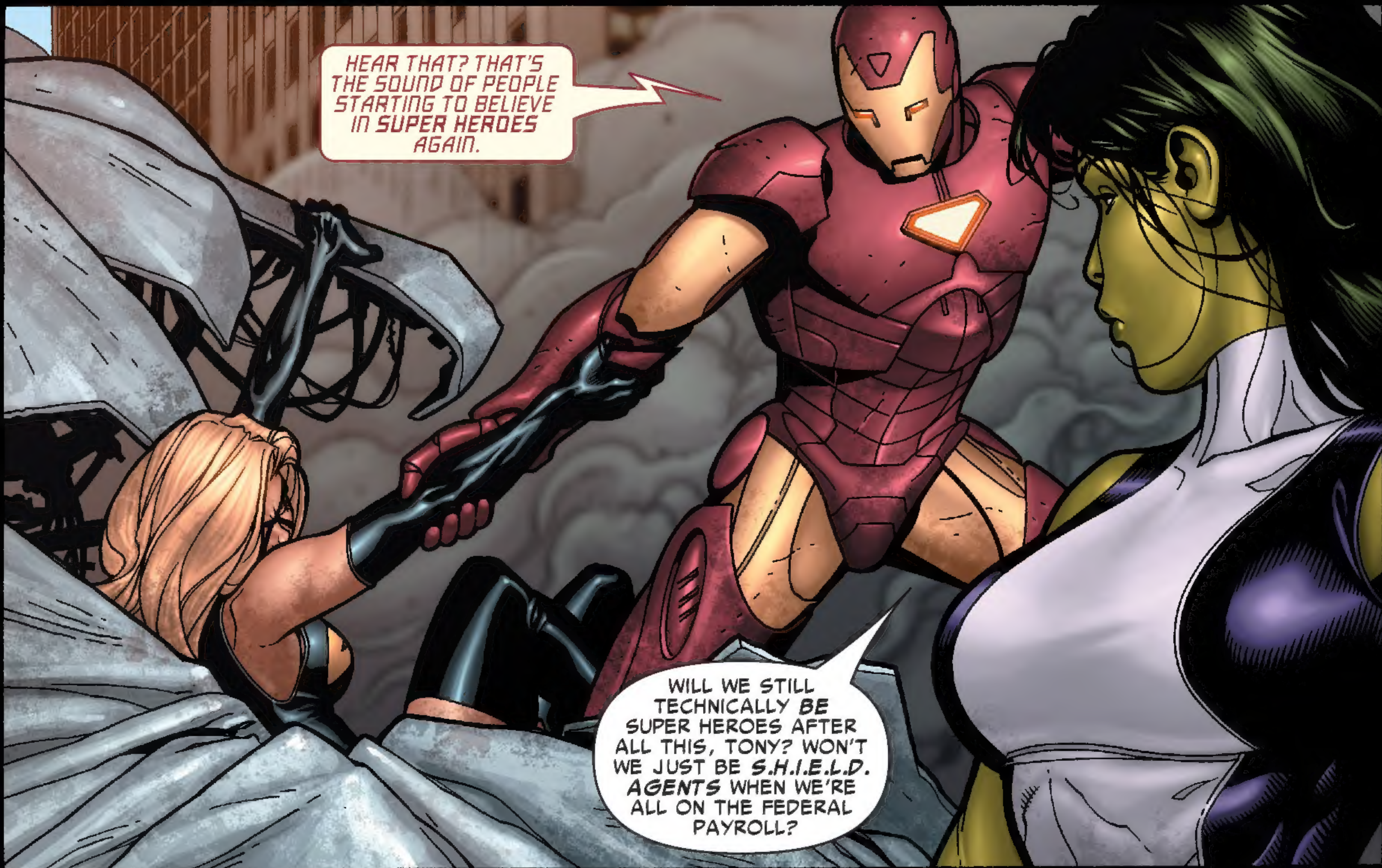
TAKE IT EASY, FOLKS. THE DOOMBOT'S DOWN.





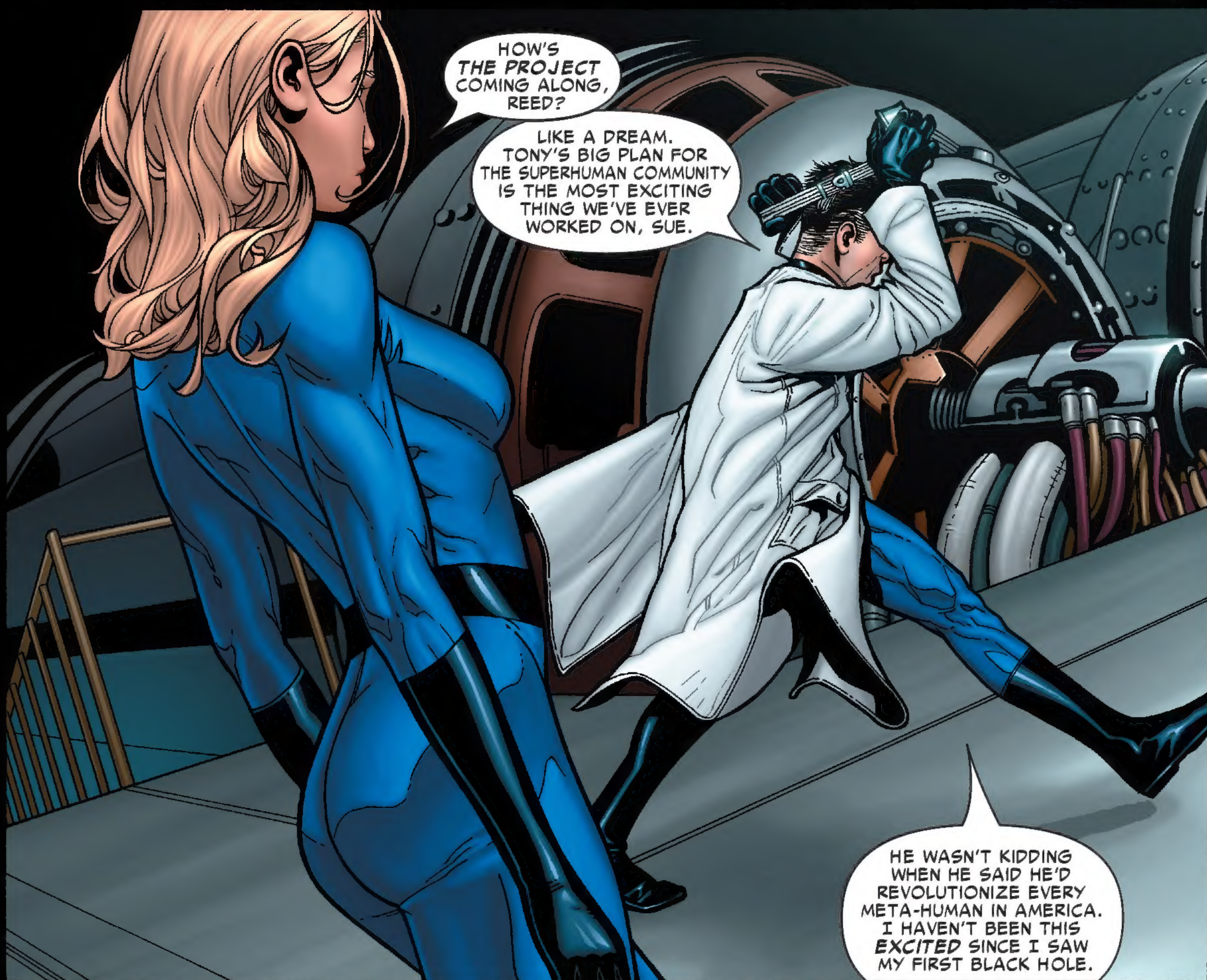








THE BAXTER BUILDING,  
HOME OF THE FANTASTIC  
FOUR:



HOW'S  
THE PROJECT  
COMING ALONG,  
REED?

LIKE A DREAM.  
TONY'S BIG PLAN FOR  
THE SUPERHUMAN COMMUNITY  
IS THE MOST EXCITING  
THING WE'VE EVER  
WORKED ON, SUE.

HE WASN'T KIDDING  
WHEN HE SAID HE'D  
REVOLUTIONIZE EVERY  
META-HUMAN IN AMERICA.  
I HAVEN'T BEEN THIS  
**EXCITED** SINCE I SAW  
MY FIRST BLACK HOLE.



YEAH, WELL. MAYBE I'D BE  
EXCITED TOO IF HIS GENIUS  
PLAN DIDN'T MEAN JAIL FOR  
HALF OUR **CHRISTMAS**  
CARD LIST.

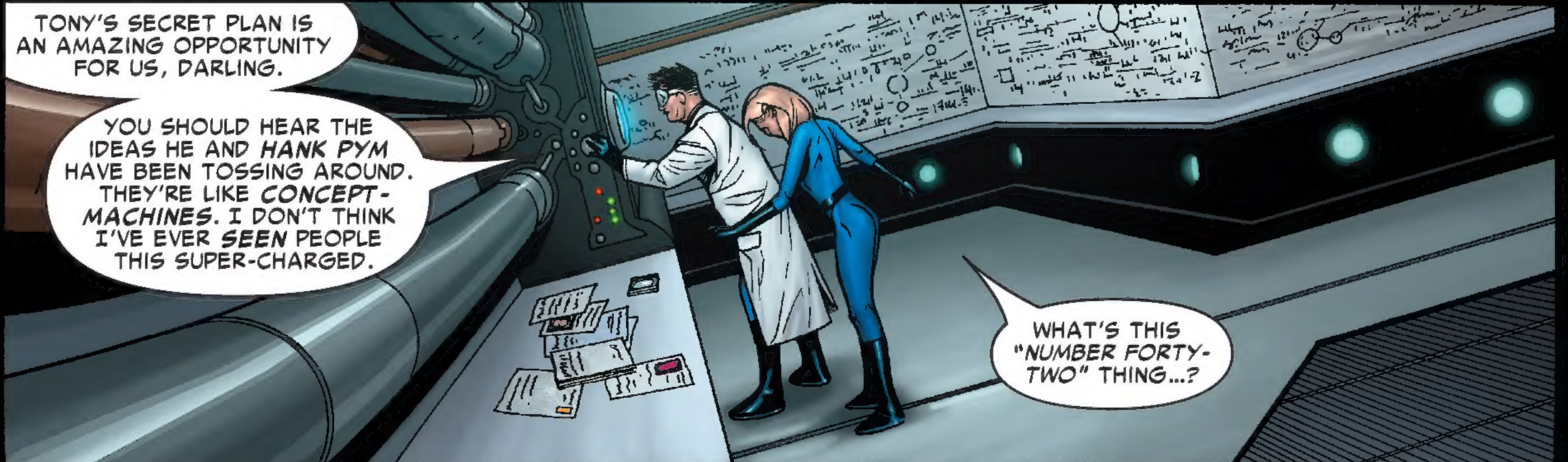
AGREED. BUT THEY DON'T LEAVE  
US ANY CHOICE IF THEY REFUSE TO  
**REGISTER**, HONEY. JUST TAKE A  
LOOK AT MY PROJECTIONS IF  
YOU NEED TO SEE THE **SOCIAL**  
**DANGERS** THEY'RE  
CREATING.





WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THIS IS GOBBLEDYGOOK.

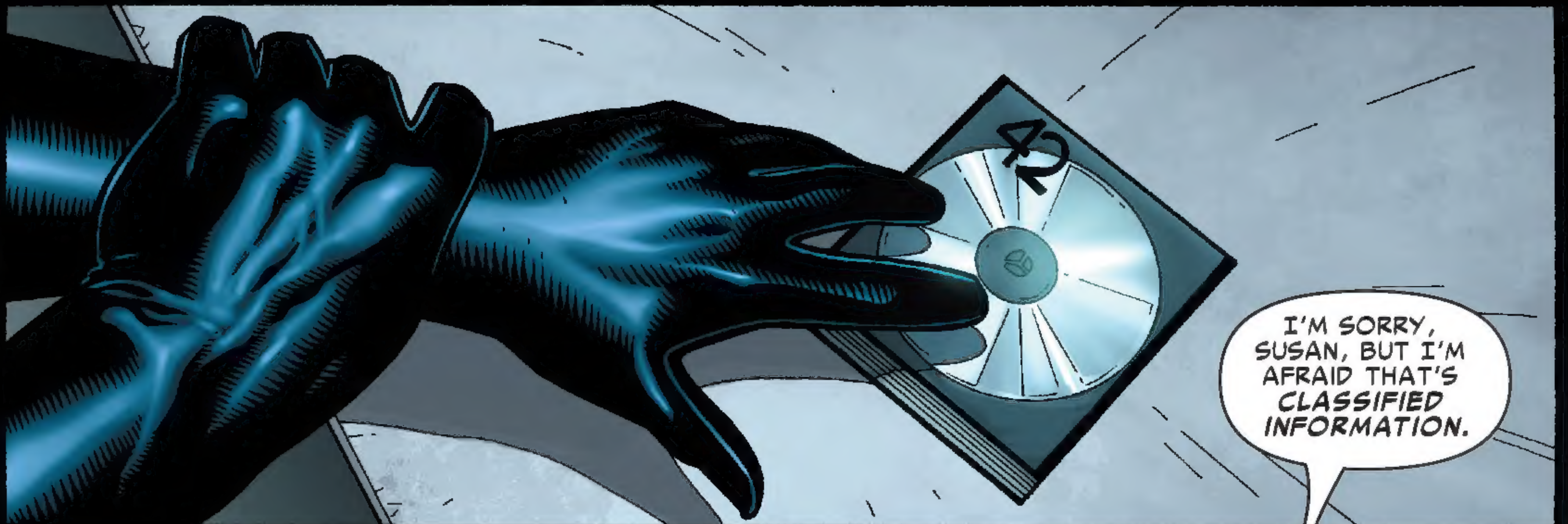
NO, IT'S THE EXPONENTIAL CURVE THE NUMBER OF SUPER-BEINGS IS FOLLOWING AND THE APOCALYPSE WE'RE FACING IF UNLICENSED ACTIVITY ISN'T BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL.



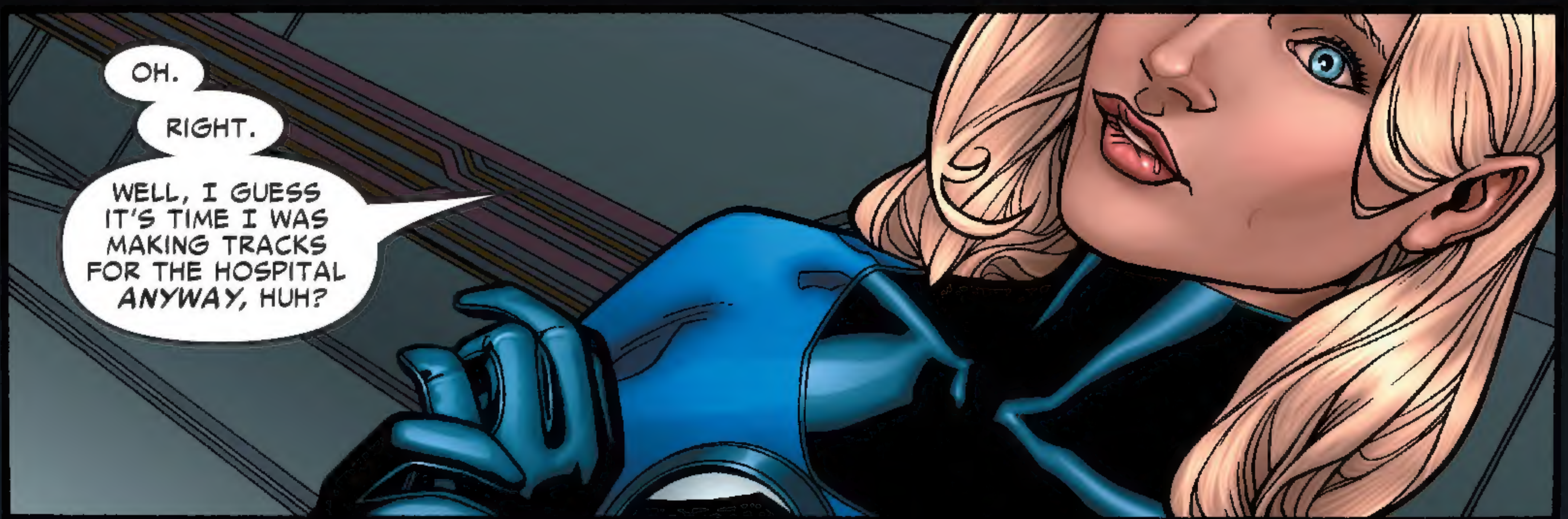
TONY'S SECRET PLAN IS AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY FOR US, DARLING.

YOU SHOULD HEAR THE IDEAS HE AND HANK PYM HAVE BEEN TOSSING AROUND. THEY'RE LIKE **CONCEPT-MACHINES**. I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER **SEEN** PEOPLE THIS SUPER-CHARGED.

WHAT'S THIS "NUMBER FORTY-TWO" THING...?



I'M SORRY, SUSAN, BUT I'M AFRAID THAT'S **CLASSIFIED** INFORMATION.



OH.

RIGHT.

WELL, I GUESS IT'S TIME I WAS MAKING TRACKS FOR THE HOSPITAL ANYWAY, HUH?



MM.

GIVE JOHNNY ALL MY LOVE.



# THE DAILY BUGLE:

JONAH, WE JUST GOT WORD ABOUT A HUGE PRESS CONFERENCE TONY STARK IS HOLDING TOMORROW MORNING. URICH IS IN, BUT PARKER'S OUT OF TOWN. WHO DO YOU WANT TO SEND IN HIS PLACE?

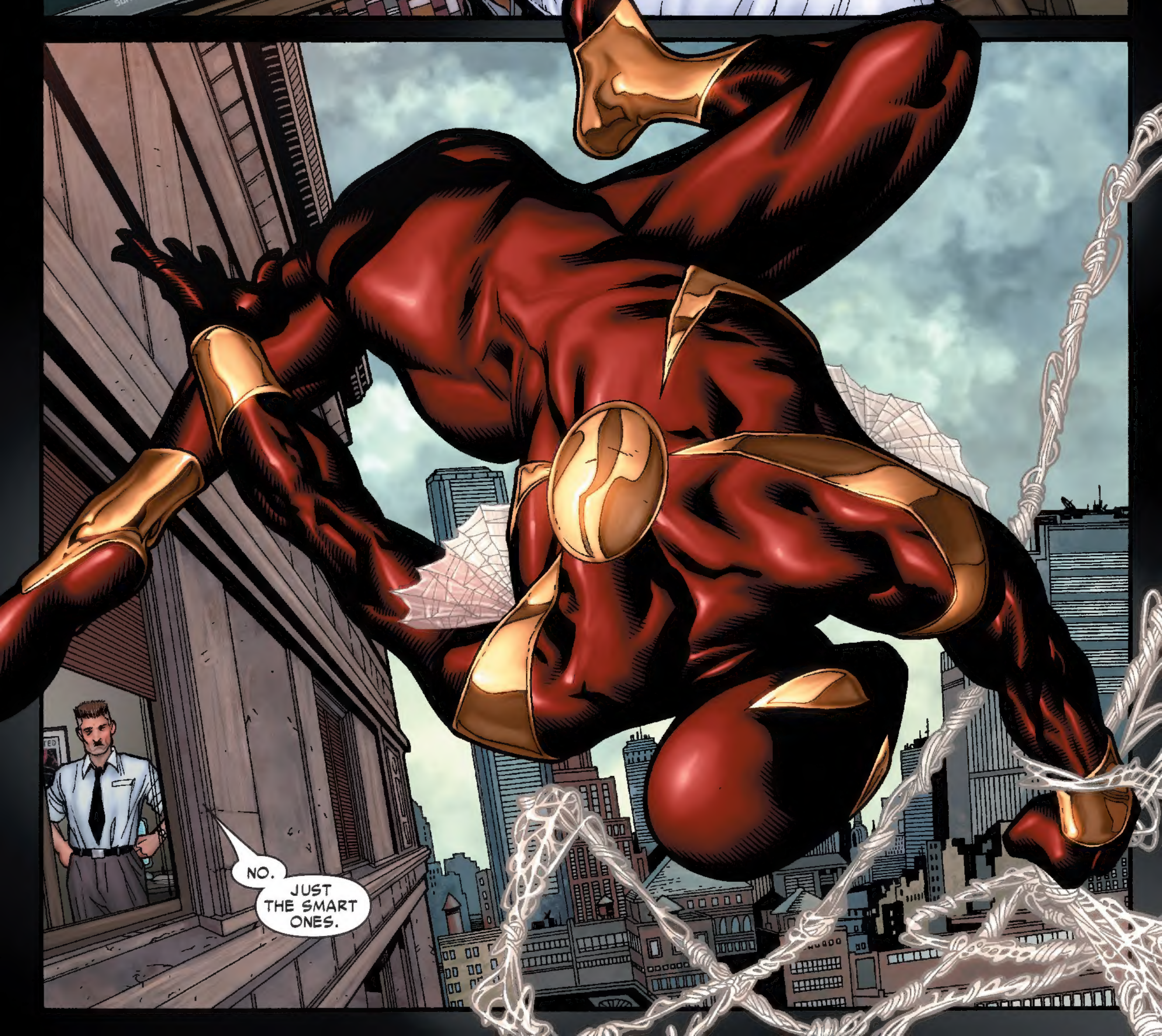
JONAH?

SORRY, ROBBIE. MILES AWAY.

JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW, AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT, EVERYTHING THIS NEWSPAPER HAS EVER CAMPAIGNED FOR OFFICIALLY BECOMES LAW.

NO MORE MASKS AND NO MORE EXCUSES ABOUT CREEPY SECRET IDENTITIES. THESE CLOWNS FINALLY WORK FOR S.H.I.E.L.D. OR THEY THROW THEIR BUTTS IN JAIL.

YOU REALLY THINK THE SUPER HEROES ARE ALL GOING TO SIGN UP?



NO. JUST THE SMART ONES.



TONY STARK'S PENTHOUSE:

TWENTY MINUTES TO GO, TONY.  
WORD FROM S.H.I.E.L.D. IS THAT WE'RE  
LOOKING AT THIRTY-EIGHT SIGNATURES  
ALREADY. THAT'S PRETTY MUCH WHAT  
YOU *ESTIMATED*, RIGHT?

PRETTY MUCH,  
HAPPY. ANY WORD  
FROM CAP?

ONLY THAT HE'S  
PUTTING HIS OWN TEAM  
TOGETHER AND HE'LL SEE  
THIS THING TO THE  
*FINISH*.

OH, GOD.

PLEASE LET  
US BE DOING  
THE RIGHT  
THING HERE...

MIDNIGHT:

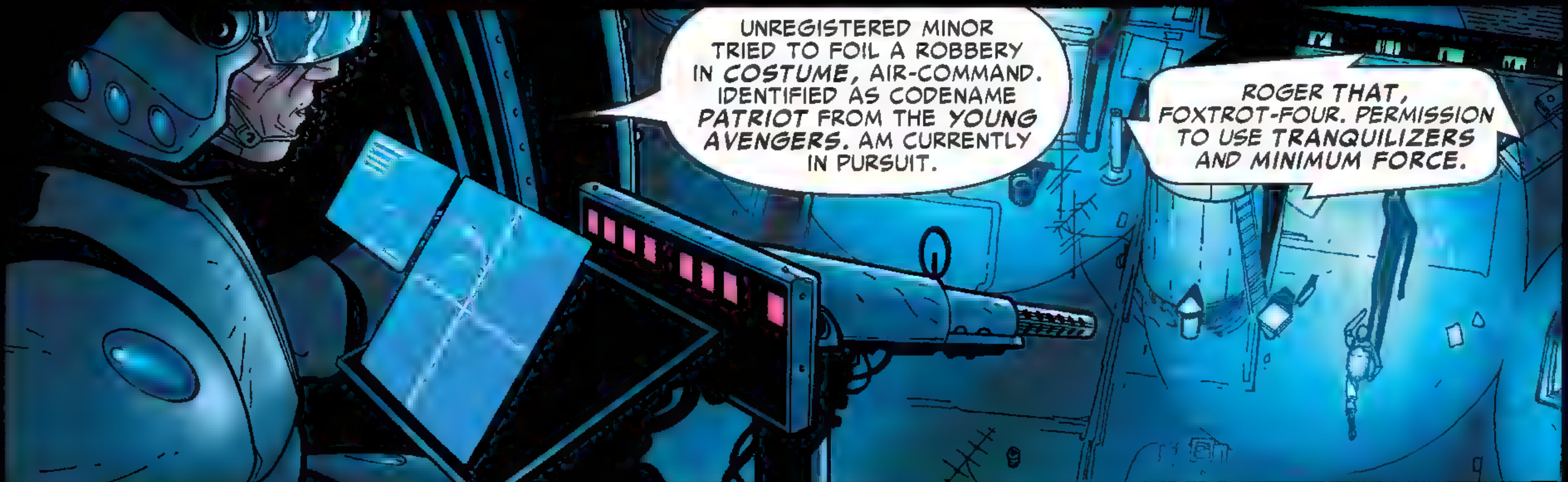
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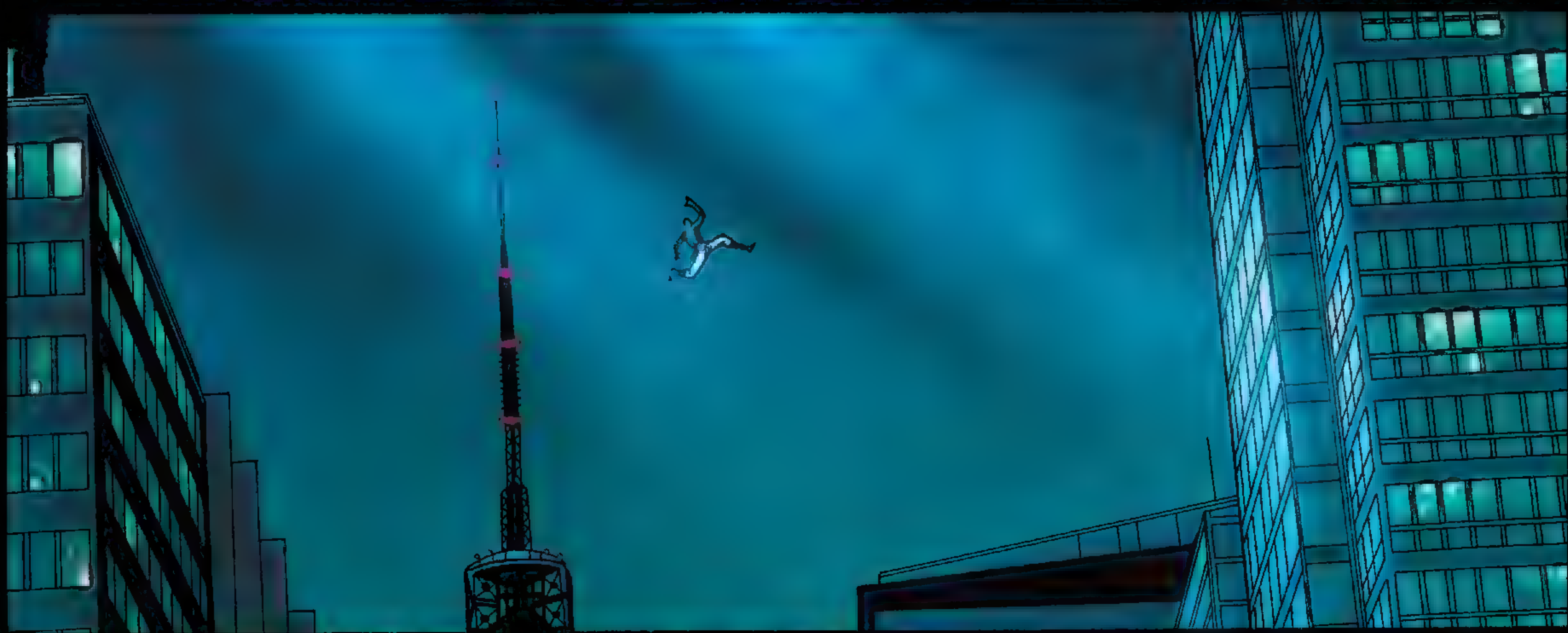
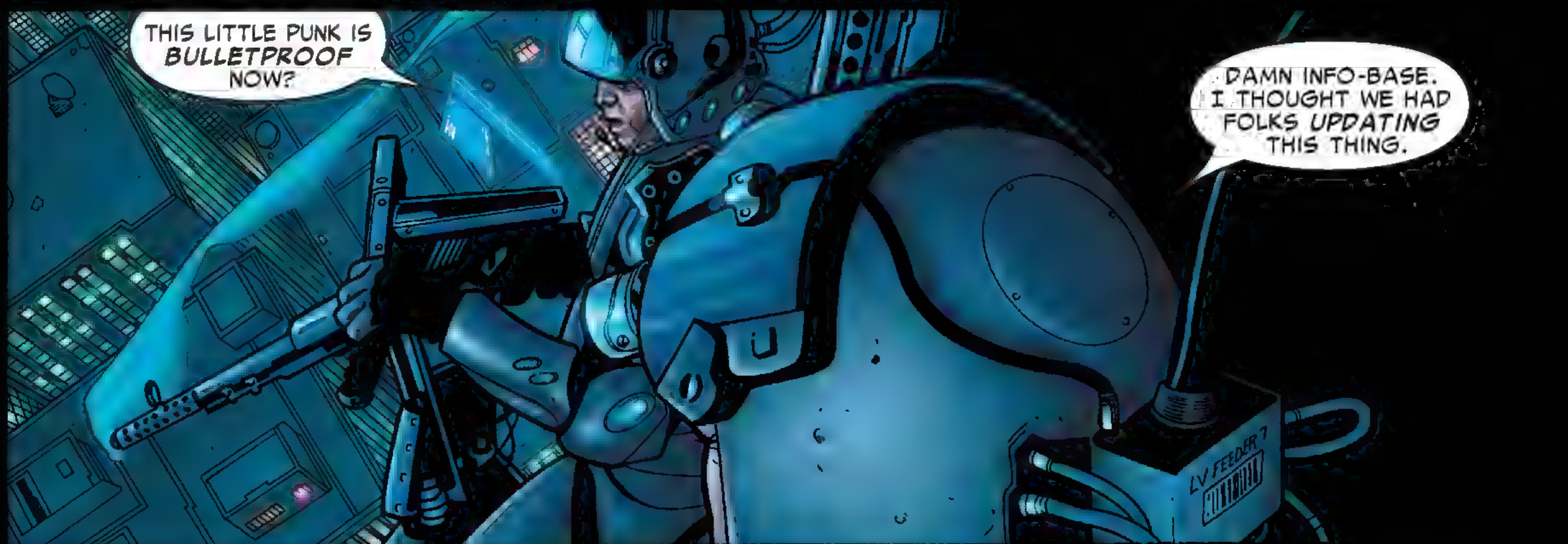
REGISTRATION ACT BECOMES LAW REGISTRATION



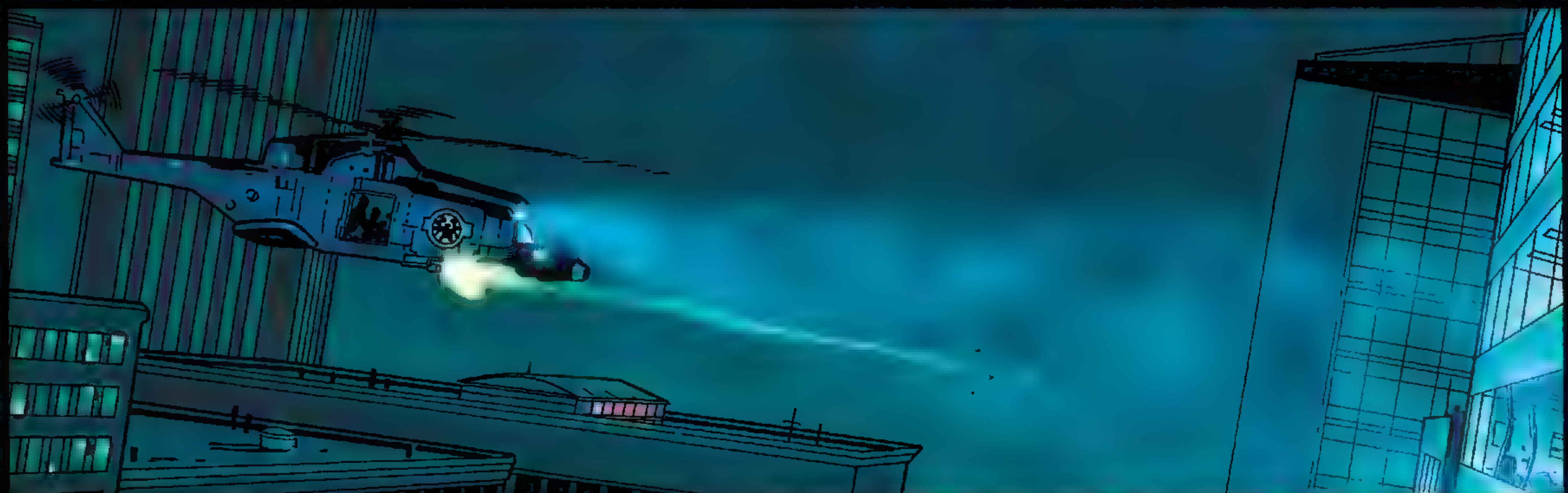
24 HOURS LATER:
















YOU SURE THAT KID'S  
INDESTRUCTIBLE?


HE'LL BE FINE.  
IT'S THE OFFICE  
BLOCK I'M WORRIED  
ABOUT, DUDE. COMMAND  
SAID **PROPERTY  
DAMAGE** GOTTA BE  
KEPT TO A MINIMUM  
OR IT'S HEAD-  
ROLLING TIME.



YOU SEE THE **TROUBLE** YOU  
CAUSED? YOU SEE WHAT **HAPPENS**  
WHEN YOU TRY TO BE SOME BIG  
BAD VIGILANTE LIKE YOUR BUDDY,  
**CAPTAIN AMERICA?**

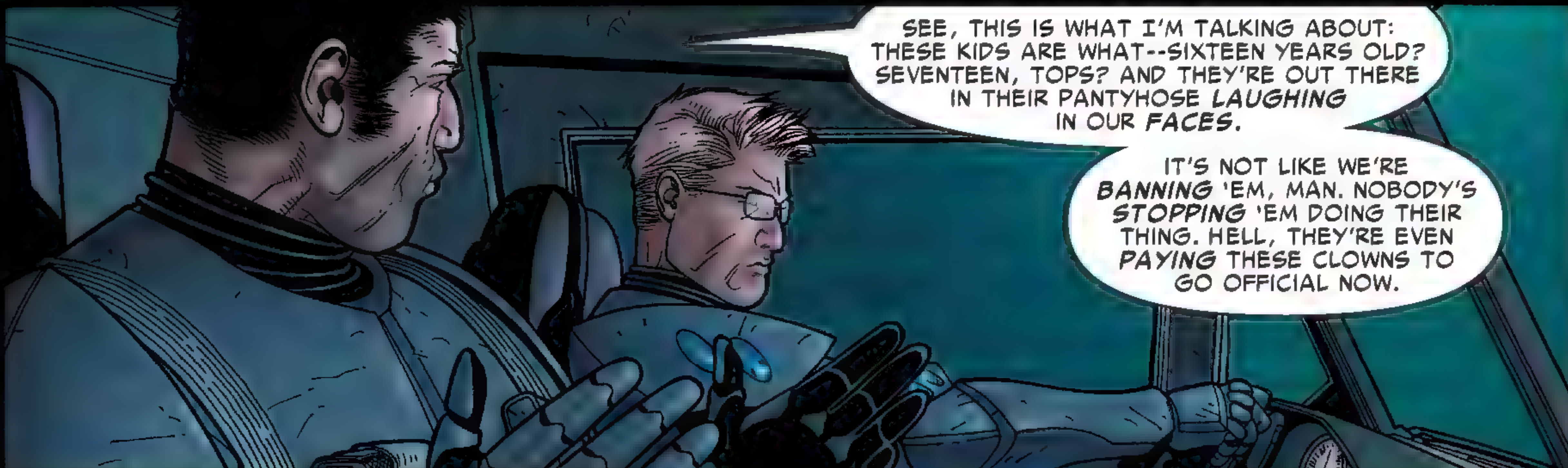
## ELSEWHERE:

S.H.I.E.L.D. UNIT  
JUST PICKED UP  
THE YOUNG  
AVENGERS ON  
WEST 23RD. SHOULD  
WE GET A POSSE  
TOGETHER AND  
INTERCEPT?



CAP AND THE FALCON  
ARE ALREADY UNDERCOVER  
ON THE **SCENE**, DAREDEVIL.  
COCKY MISTER WILSON  
EVEN TOLD ME TO GET  
THE DAMN **COFFEE**  
ON.





SEE, THIS IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT: THESE KIDS ARE WHAT--SIXTEEN YEARS OLD? SEVENTEEN, TOPS? AND THEY'RE OUT THERE IN THEIR PANTYHOSE LAUGHING IN OUR FACES.

IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE BANNING 'EM, MAN. NOBODY'S STOPPING 'EM DOING THEIR THING. HELL, THEY'RE EVEN PAYING THESE CLOWNS TO GO OFFICIAL NOW.



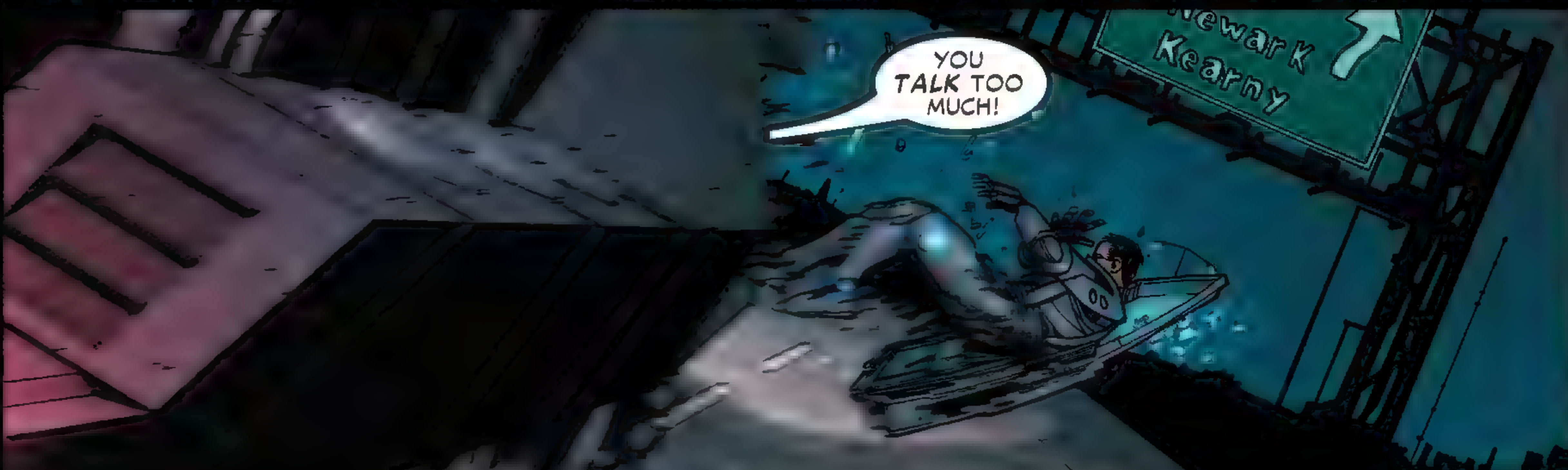
BUT THEY DON'T GET A BUZZ OUTTA BEIN' LEGIT. FREAKS ONLY GET OFF ON THE MASKS AND THAT "MYSTERY MAN" GARBAGE.



GONNA BE ONE COLD SHOWER WHEN THEY SEE THE NEW PEN THEY'RE BUILDING FOR THESE SUPER-CREEPS. YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS PLACE? THIS "NUMBER FORTY-TWO" THING THEY'RE CONSTRUCTIN'?

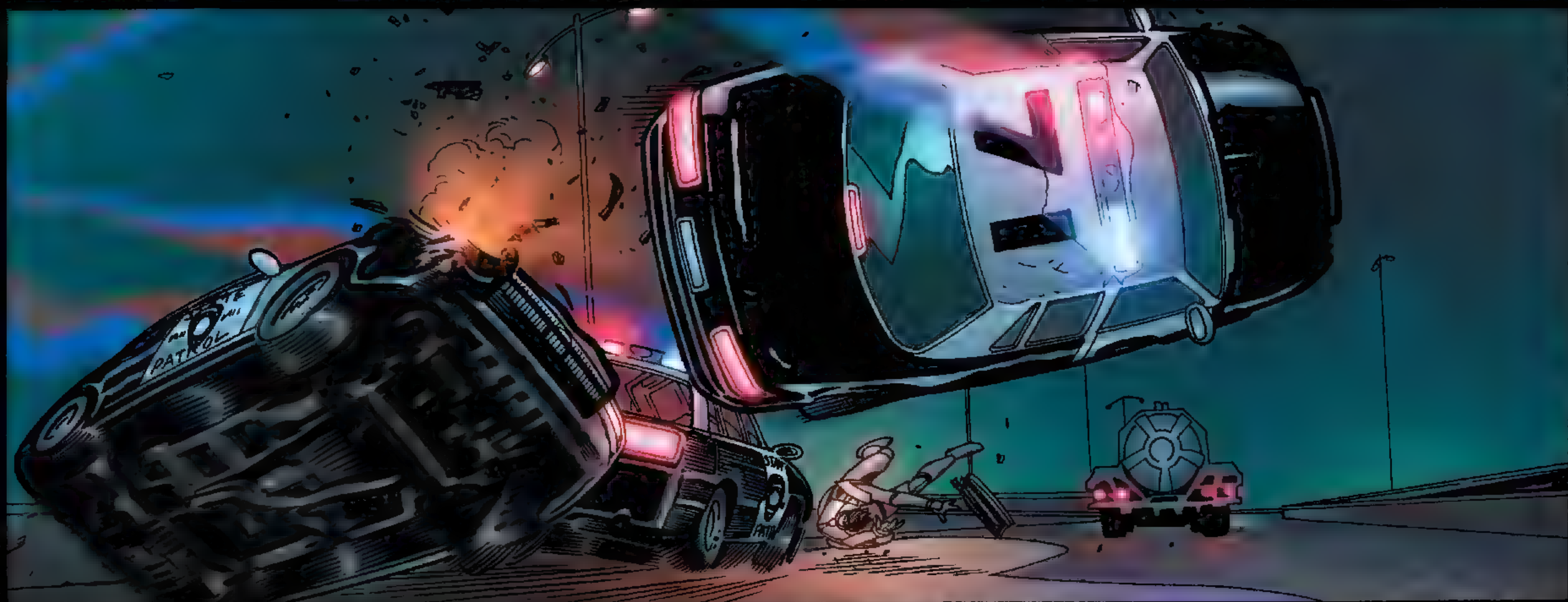
FRANK IN SUPPLIES SAID YOU'RE NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO LOOK AT THE BLUEPRINTS WITHOUT THESE WEIRD-ASS SPECIAL GOGGLES.

YOU KNOW SOMETHING, FELLA?



YOU TALK TOO MUCH!







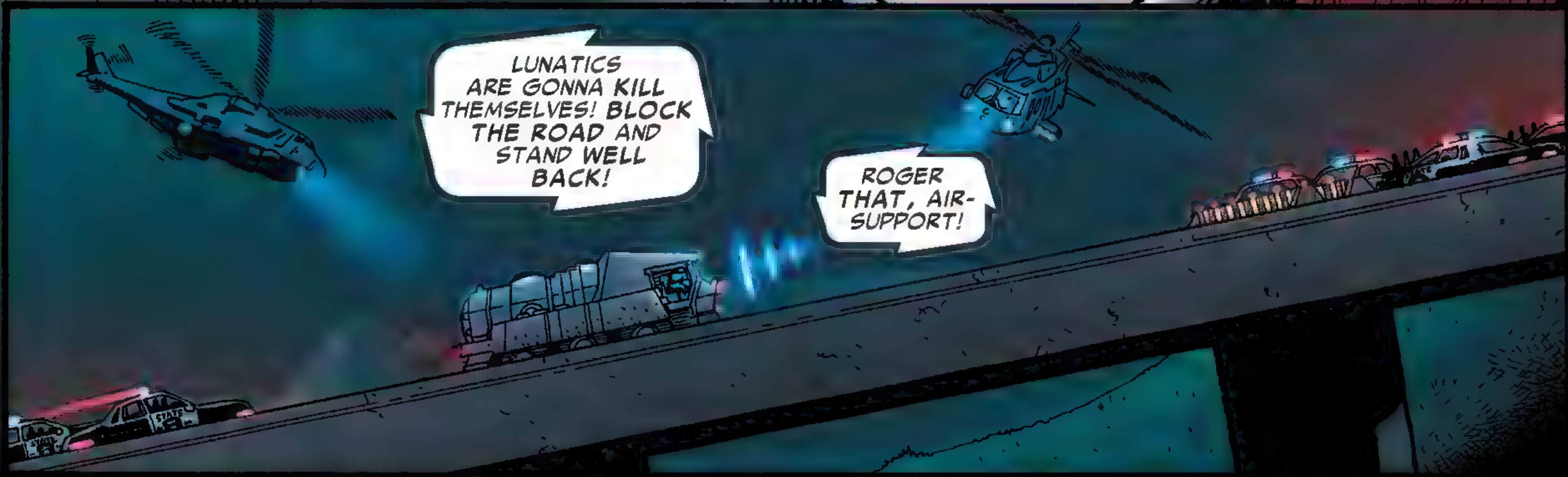


COPS ARE  
BLOCKING THE  
ROAD ALREADY,  
FALCON!



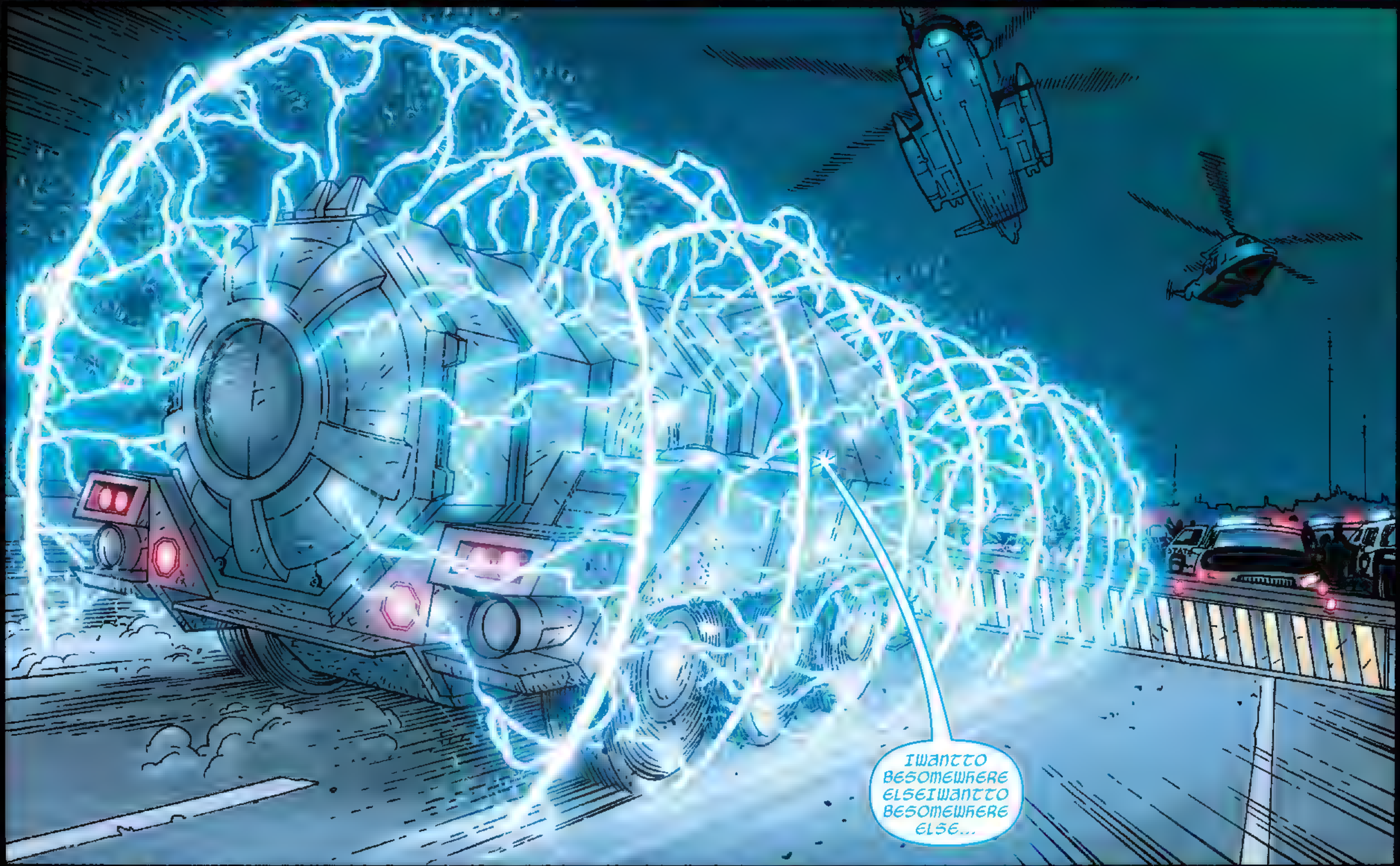
WOULD YOU  
HURRY UP WITH  
THAT FREAKIN'  
SPELL?

I WANT TO  
BE SOMEWHERE  
ELSE I WANT TO  
BE SOMEWHERE  
ELSE...



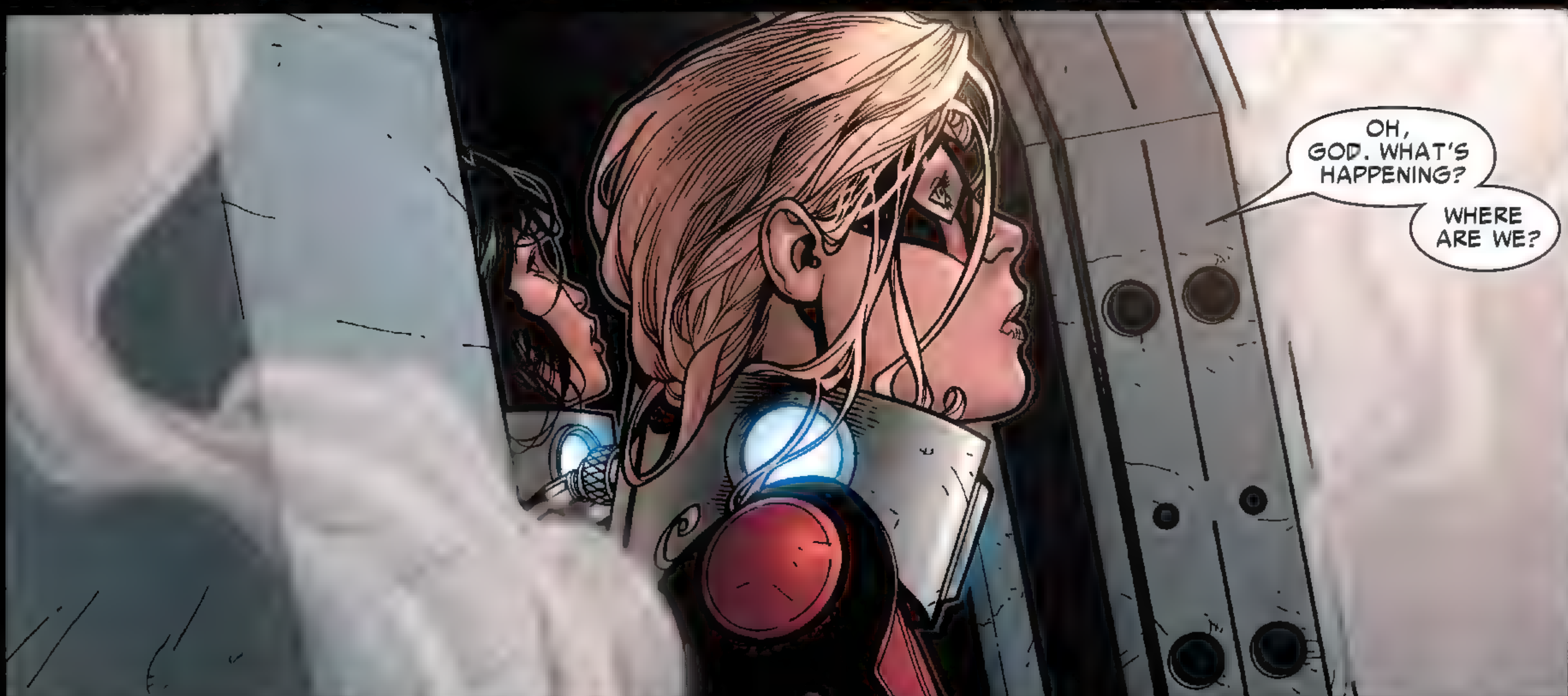
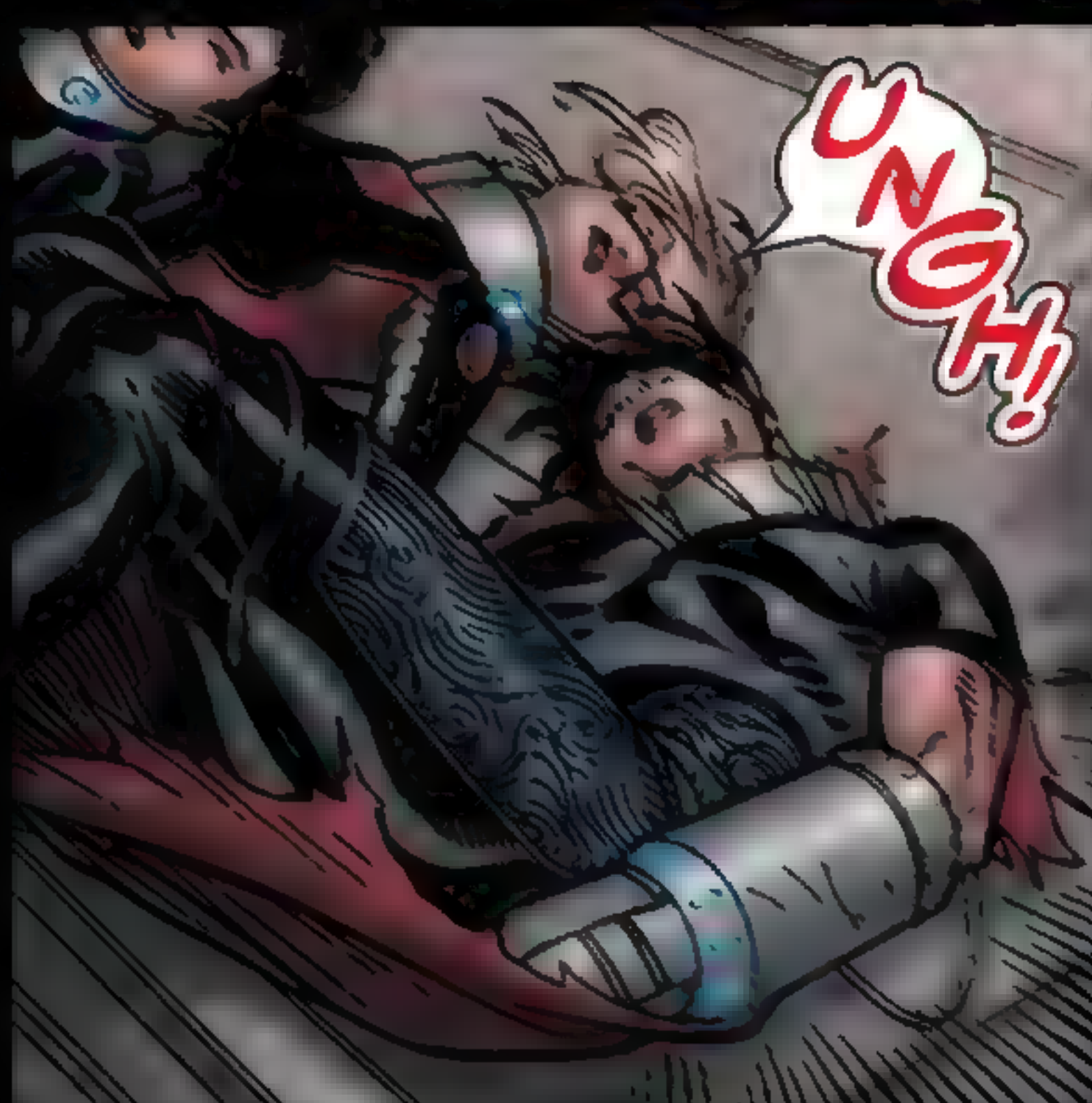
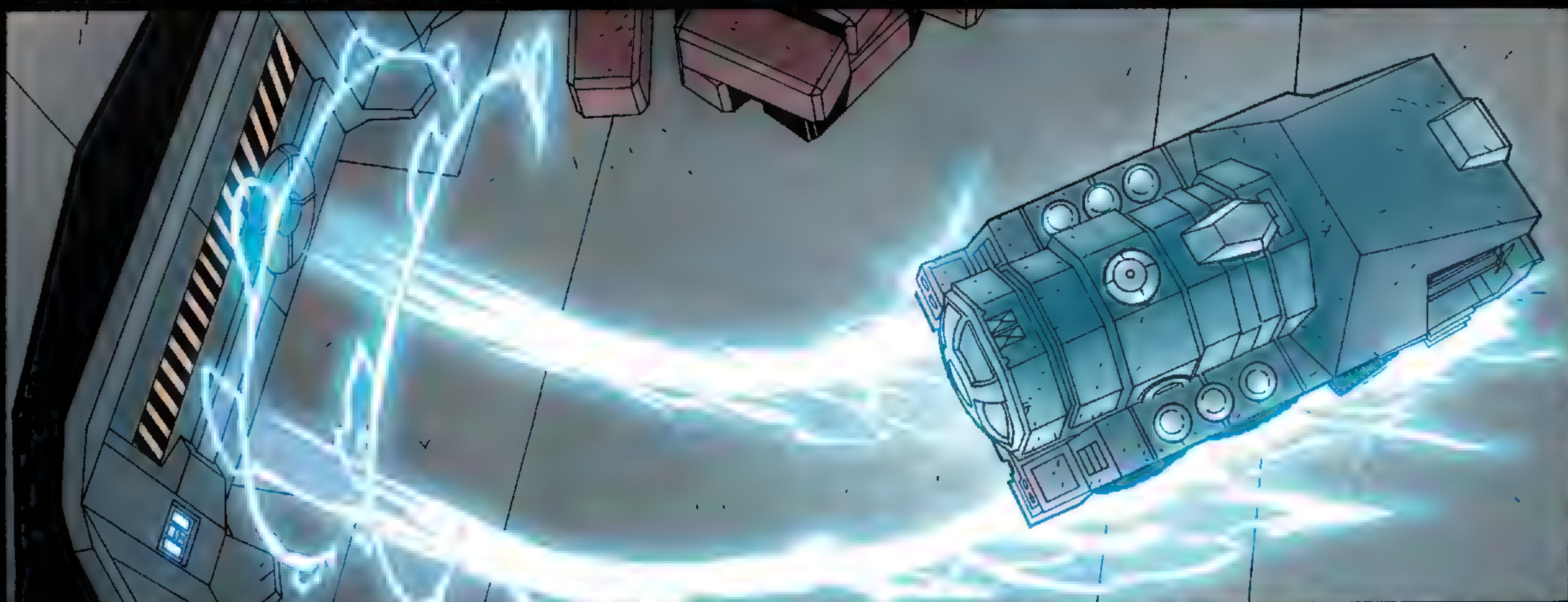
LUNATICS  
ARE GONNA KILL  
THEMSELVES! BLOCK  
THE ROAD AND  
STAND WELL  
BACK!

ROGER  
THAT, AIR-  
SUPPORT!



I WANT TO  
BE SOMEWHERE  
ELSE I WANT TO  
BE SOMEWHERE  
ELSE...

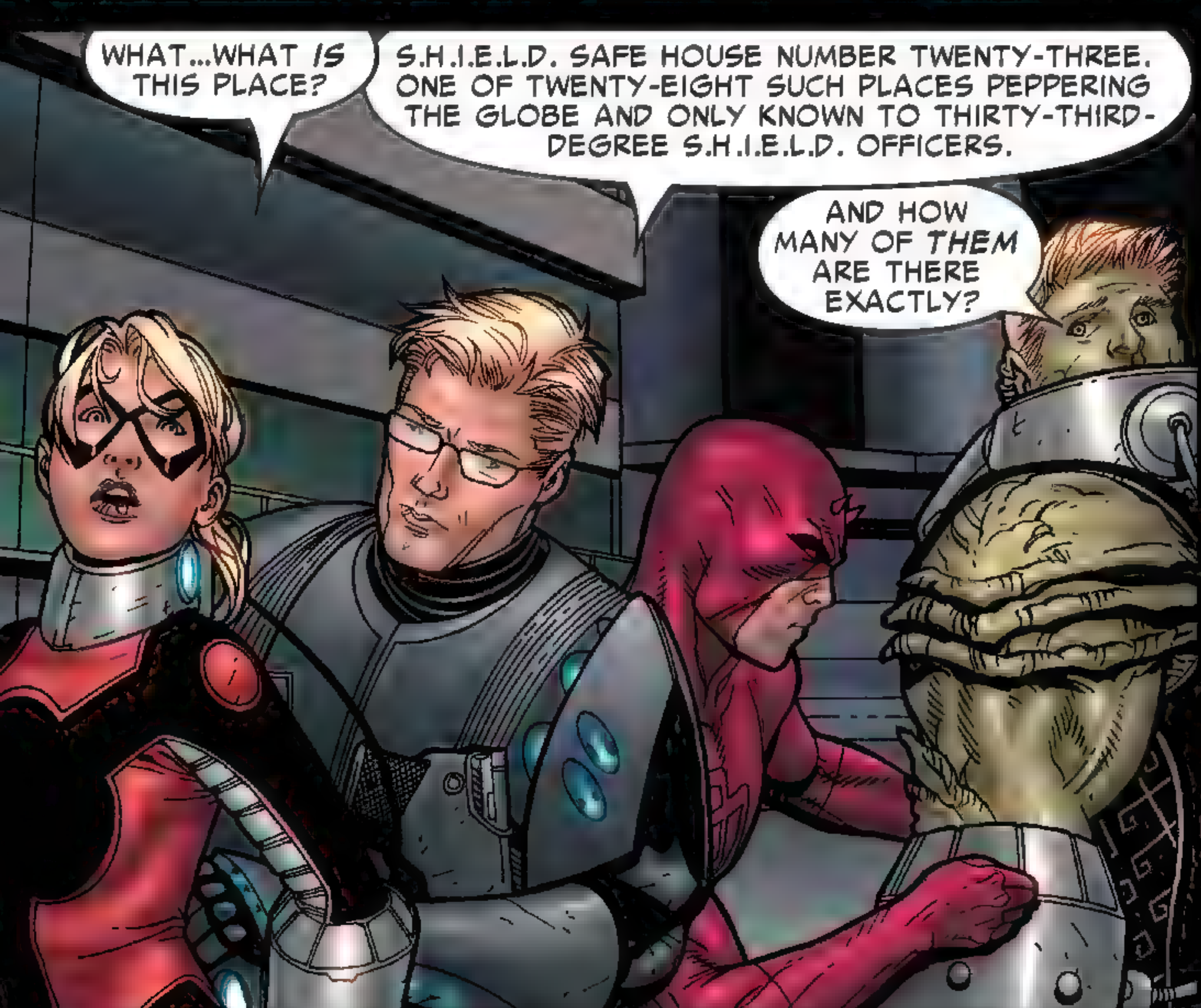








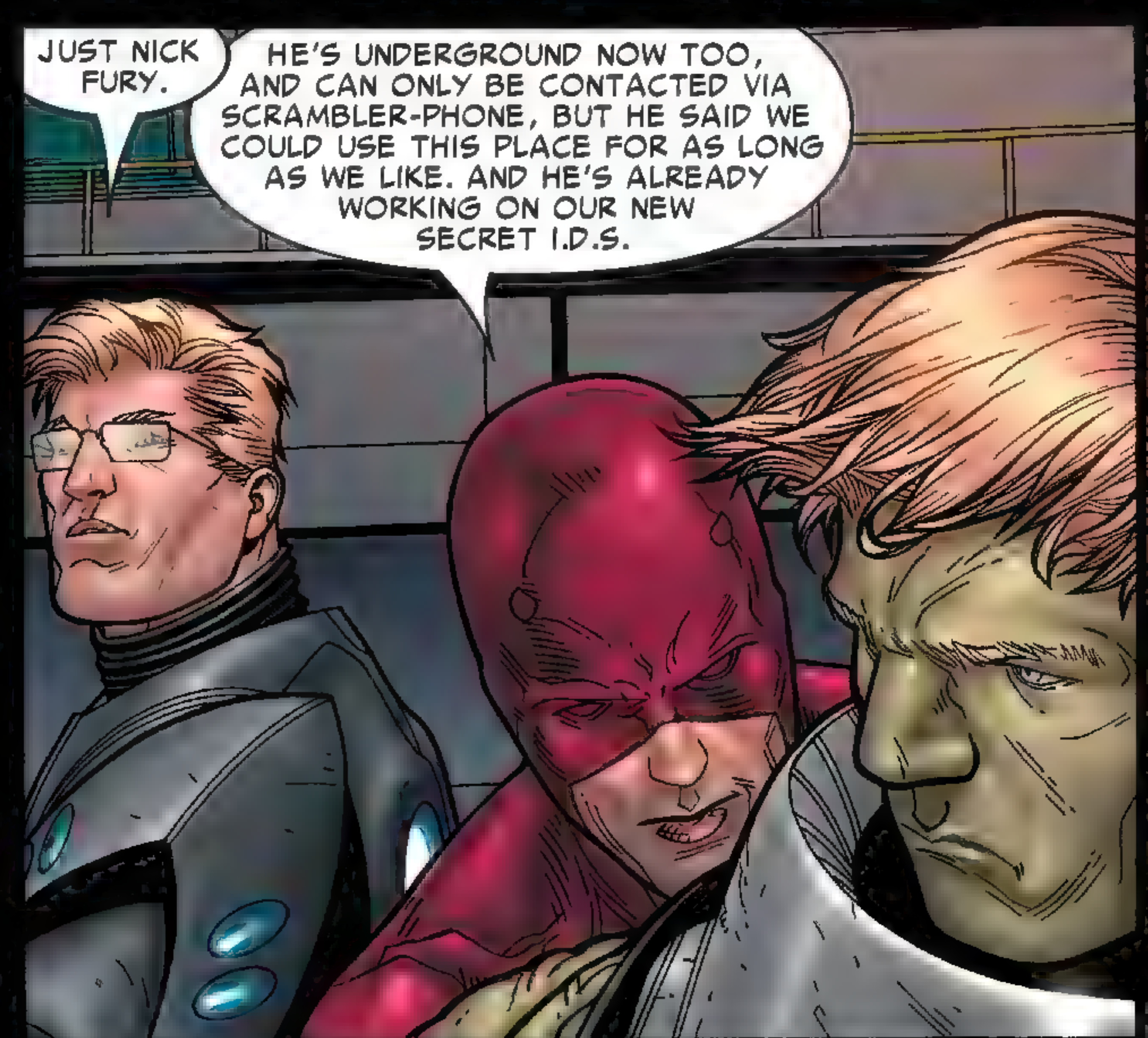
CONGRATULATIONS, CHILDREN.  
YOU JUST JOINED THE RESISTANCE.



WHAT...WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

S.H.I.E.L.D. SAFE HOUSE NUMBER TWENTY-THREE. ONE OF TWENTY-EIGHT SUCH PLACES PEPPERING THE GLOBE AND ONLY KNOWN TO THIRTY-THIRD-DEGREE S.H.I.E.L.D. OFFICERS.

AND HOW MANY OF THEM ARE THERE EXACTLY?



JUST NICK FURY.

HE'S UNDERGROUND NOW TOO, AND CAN ONLY BE CONTACTED VIA SCRAMBLER-PHONE, BUT HE SAID WE COULD USE THIS PLACE FOR AS LONG AS WE LIKE. AND HE'S ALREADY WORKING ON OUR NEW SECRET I.D.S.



WHY DO WE NEED NEW SECRET IDENTITIES?

YOUR OLD ONES ARE PROBABLY COMPROMISED, PATRIOT, AND YOU'RE GOING TO NEED *SOMEWHERE* TO HIDE WHEN WE AREN'T OUT THERE KICKING ASS AND TAKING NAMES.

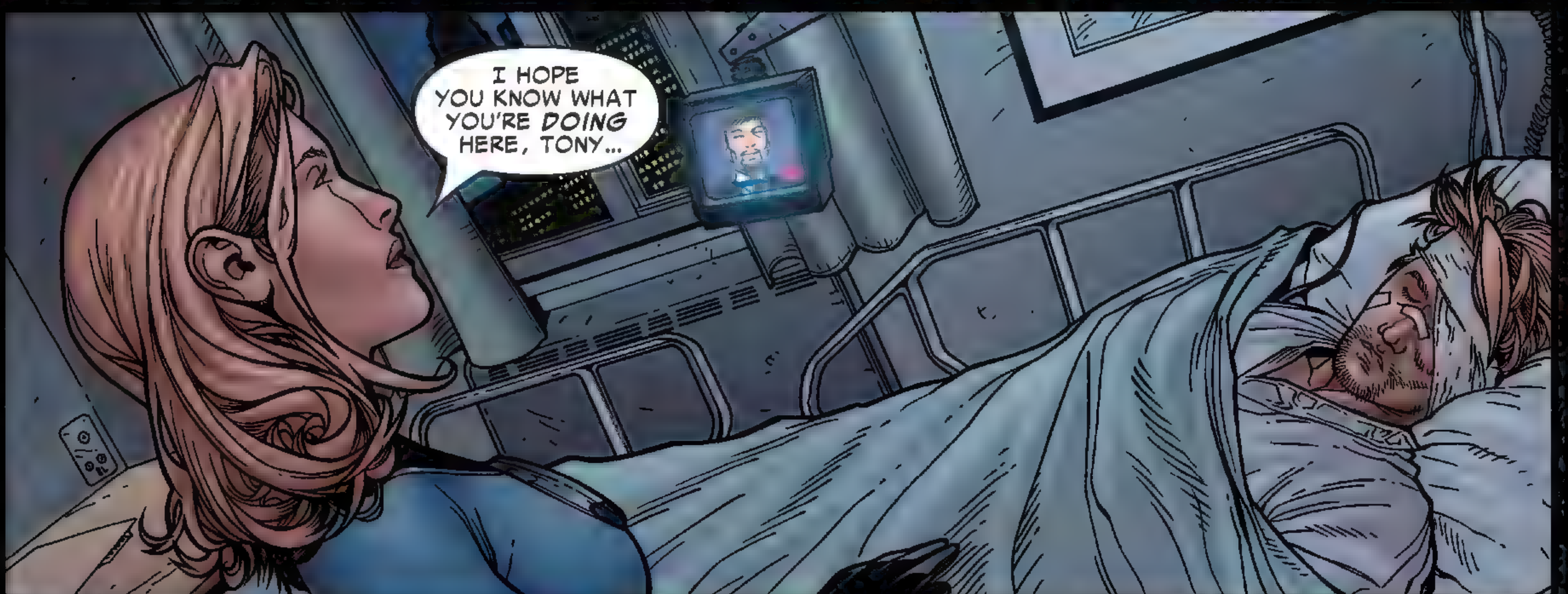
THIS IS WHERE WE LIVE FOR THE DURATION.

TONY'S CREW IS PLANNING SOMETHING HUGE OUT THERE, AND THIS IS WHERE WE START TO FIGHT BACK.

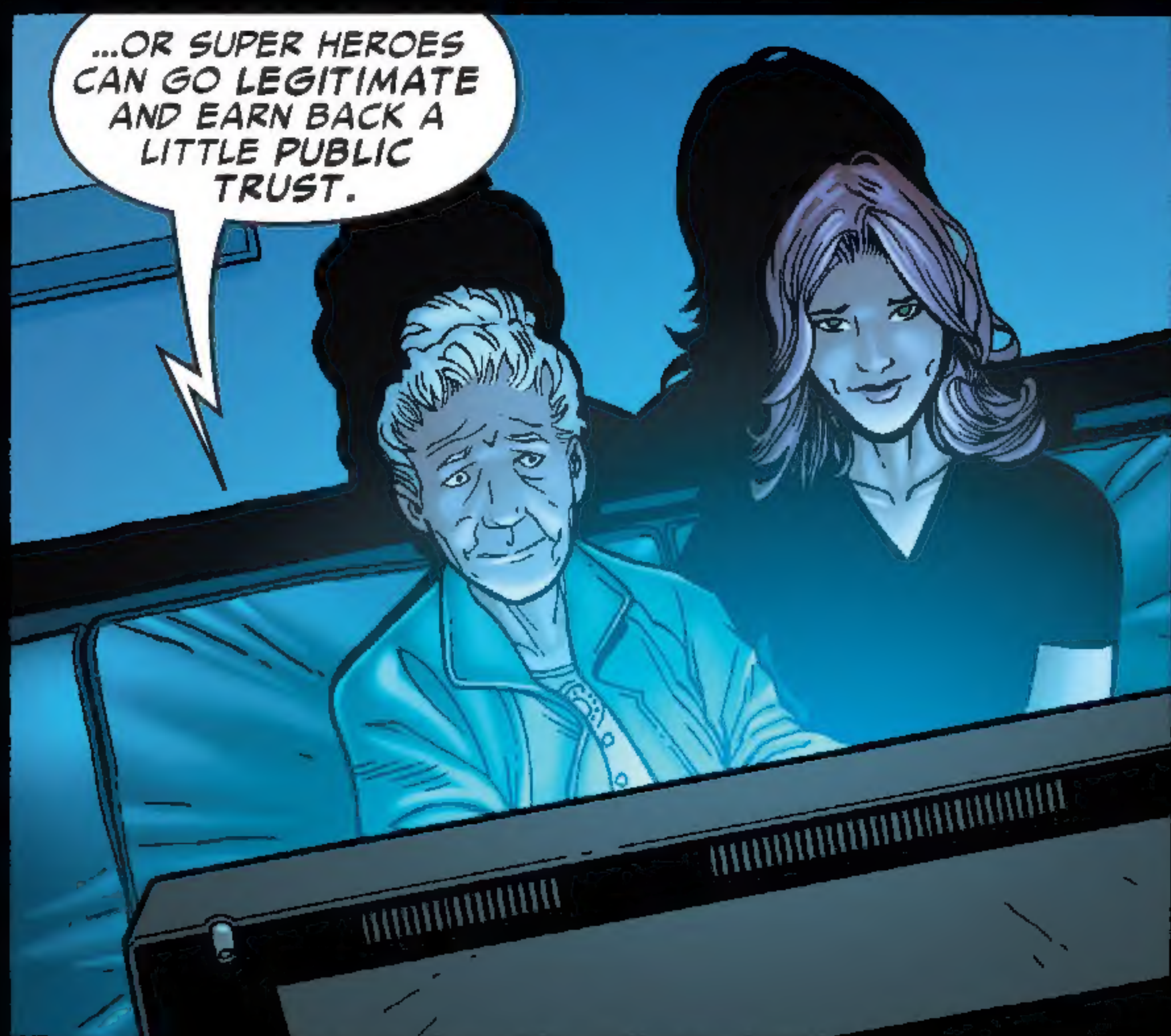


GUYS, I THINK YOU BETTER SEE THIS...

















ANY  
QUESTIONS?





EMPIRE